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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4364

AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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COMNAVTELCOM WASHDC

USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN

COMIDEASTFOR

NAVCOMMUNIT ASMARA

NAVCOMMSTA NEA MAKRI

CNO WASHDC

C O N F I D E N T I A L ASMARA 0110

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS ET

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION WAR CONTINUES

1. DURING THE PERIOD FEB 4-8, INSURGENT GROUPS IN ASMARA ASSASSINATED FOUR AMHARA MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COMMAND. THE VICTIMS WERE ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE KILLINGS OF JAN 16 IN REPRISAL FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF FOUR EELPA POWER SUBSTATIONS IN ASMARA. INSURGENTS ALSO SHOT AND WOUNDED A TIGRE BUSINESSMAN WHO IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN AN INFORMER FOR THE EPMG. IN ADDITION, INSURGENTS HAVE BEEN CREDITED WITH KIDNAPPING TWO OTHER AMHARA SECURITY OFFICIALS AND HOLDING THEM IN A RURAL STRONGHOLD.

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2. IN RETALIATION FOR THIS RENEWED INSURGENT CAMPAIGN, EPMG SECURITY OFFICIALS HAVE DIRECTED THE ARREST OF SEVERAL DOZEN MALE ASMARA RESIDENTS. THE DETAIKES HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN SELECTED AT RANDOM AND INCLUDE MANY YOUNG MEN. ERITREANS ARE CONCERNED THAT THE EPMG AUTHORITIES MAY BE REVERTING TO THEIR TACTICS OF 15 MONTHS AGO, AND THAT THE BODIES OF THE DETAINEES WILL BEGIN TO APPEAR ON THE STREETS OF ASMARA AFTER CURFEW.

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